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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 3406 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO MANAMA CAIRO
TEL AVIV AMMAN KUWAIT BEIRUT JIDDA ABU DHABI ALGIERS TRIPOLI
RABAT TUNIS LONDON PARIS SEPT 26:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 3406

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARAB REACTION TO KISSINGER LUNCHEON

1. FOLLOWING SECY KISSINGER'S LUNCHEON WITH ARAB HEADS
OF DELEGATION AND PERMREPS SEPT 25, ARAB LEAGUE SECGEN
MAHMUD RIAD AND YEMENI FONMIN AHMAD NU'MAN MET INFORMALLY
WITH ARAB GROUP AT UN. RIAD AND NU'MAN, HAVING SAT AT
HEAD TABLE, REPORTED ON THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH SECY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RIAD AND NU'MAN TOLD GROUP THEY
HAD POSITIVE REACTION TO CONVERSATIONS WITH SECY,
ALTHOUGH OCCASION MORE SOCIAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE. OTHER
ARAB GUESTS ALSO HAD GENERALLY POSITIVE REACTION.

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3. REPORTEDLY IRAQ, SYRIA AND PDRY (WHO ALONG WITH

ALGERIA AND LIBYA DID NOT ATTEND LUNCHEON) AGITATED
AGAINST THOSE WHO ATTENDED. THEY CRITICIZED RIAD IN
PARTICULAR FOR HAVING COMMENTED ON RESOLUTION 242 ON
GROUNDS RESOLUTION 242 HAD NOT BEEN ENDORSED BY ARAB
LEAGUE. THEY ALSO CRITICIZED HIM FOR SPEAKING IN HIS
TOAST OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION WITHOUT MENTIONING
"PALESTINE NATION". SCALI

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